

**\* ADELAIDE  
\* FRINGE \***

# POSTER DESIGN CRASH COURSE

FOR ADELAIDE FRINGE ARTISTS

A GUIDE BY | concrete creative



*hey, hi, hello*

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**GRAPHIC DESIGNER, DIGITAL ILLUSTRATOR  
& THE 2023 FRINGE POSTER WINNER**

*the creative crash course*

# Overview



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CREATE A POSTER IN CANVA

ROLL OUT YOUR PROMO



*part one*

# THE CONCRETE

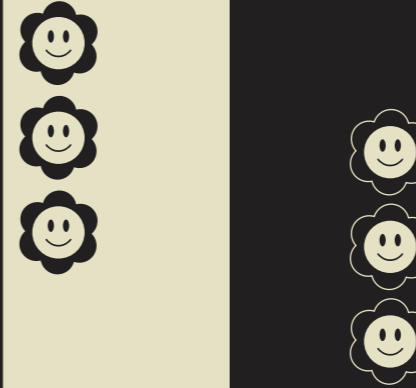
A high-angle, dimly lit photograph of a person sitting on a light-colored floor, using a silver laptop. The person's hands are visible on the keyboard, with red nail polish and a ring on the left hand. The laptop screen is dark. The overall mood is quiet and focused.

*the five basic*  
Principles of Design

# THE FIVE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN



1. ALIGNMENT



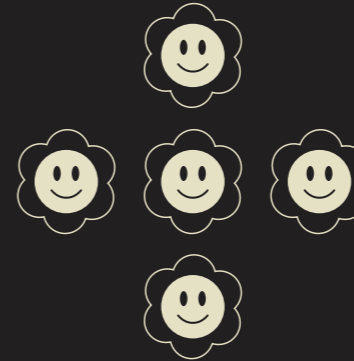
2. REPETITION



3. CONTRAST



4. HIERARCHY



5. BALANCE

**PRINCIPLE 1**

# ALIGNMENT

**ALIGNMENT ALLOWS OUR EYES TO SEE ORDER.**

- » Guides your audience to quickly and easily read your content
- » Tightens a design and eliminates the messy effect which comes from random placement of items
- » Provides an invisible connection for elements that are not placed close together, communicating the idea that they belong to the same piece





havin' a time  
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SHOW**  
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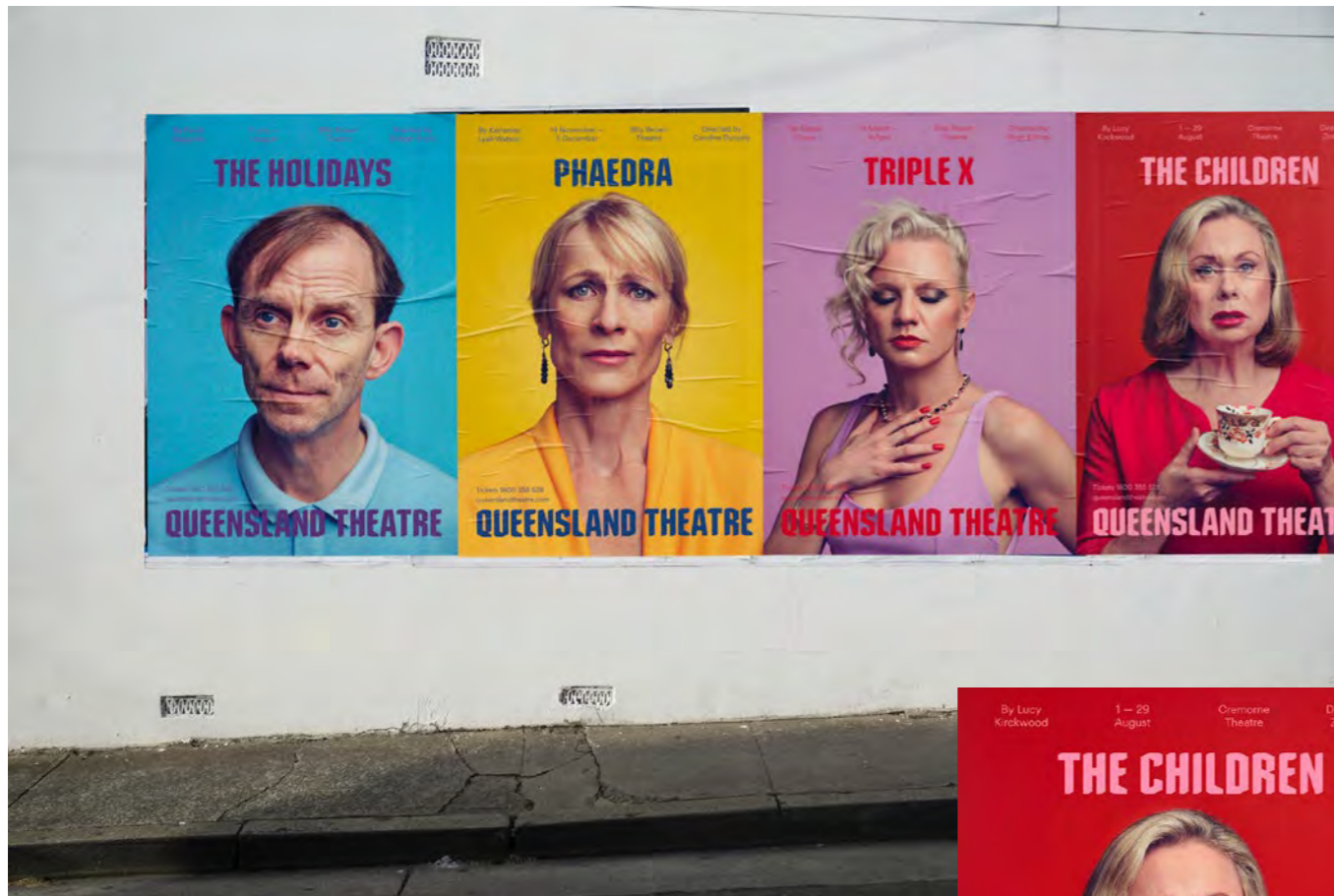
**PRINCIPLE 2**

## REPETITION

**REPETITION CREATES COHESION, CONSISTENCY, FAMILIARITY AND IDENTITY.**

- » Involves the consistent use of design elements such as fonts, colours, symbols, shapes or images
- » Helps readers identify that separate things belong together
- » Simplifies a design, and creates a harmonious visual experience
- » An important factor, not just in one individual design, but across all pieces marketing collateral





**PRINCIPLE 3**

## CONTRAST

**CONTRAST CREATES EMPHASIS AND IMPACT.**

- » Involves two elements, that are complete opposites; think big/small, light/dark, horizontal/vertical modern/traditional fonts, cool/warm colours
- » Attracts attention by adding drama
- » Helps guide the reader on where to look first
- » To be effective, it must be strong and obvious



Forrest Beach Progress Association Presents

# CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER  
PROGRESS PARK  
5:30 PM

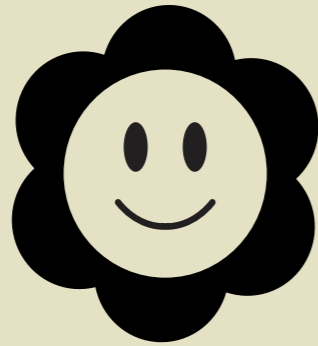
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PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED  
CHRISTMAS OUTFIT



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**PRINCIPLE 4**

# HIERARCHY

## HIERARCHY CREATES VISUAL ORGANISATION

- » Gives the reader an idea of where to begin and finish reading
- » Each element in a design is ranked depending on its importance
- » Hierarchy is achieved through position, size, contrast, colour etc
- » If everything is “very important” nothing will stand out





Health, Happiness & Harmony

**EXPO** 9am-3pm

**Sun 29th Aug**

**Merrilands Hall  
ATHERTON**

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 ★★★★★ ShortCom


# NICK ELLERAY

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"Quality downbeat comedy, a classy act"  
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Old Comedian Of The Year 2017

FREE FRINGE 2022

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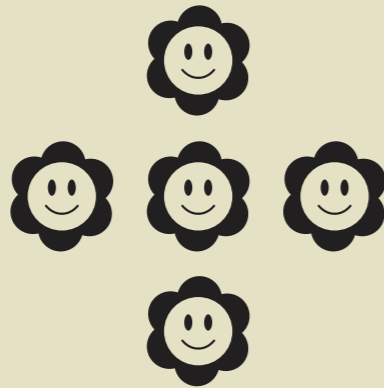
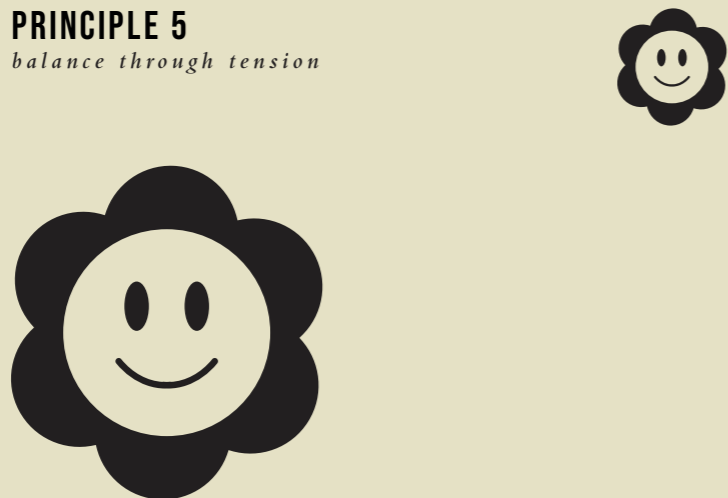
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6:00pm tour  
 the drawing center  
 35 wooster street

7:30pm drink  
 soho  
 grand hotel  
 310 w  
 broadway

feb 13  
 thursday

# Notes on Creativity

**PRINCIPLE 5***balance through symmetry***PRINCIPLE 5***balance through tension*

# BALANCE

**PROVIDES STRUCTURE; EITHER THROUGH SYMMETRY OR TENSION**

Balance through Symmetry

- » Weight of all elements is even across the page
- » Harmonious and traditional
- » At times may feel boring

Balance through Tension

- » Majority of weight is kept to one area, with minimal weight placed opposite it
- » Makes use of white space
- » Has a dynamic and bold feel



*Queensland Country  
Women's Association*

## **QCWA MARKETS**

**25th November 2023,**

**8am - 1pm**

**Senior Citizen's Hall**

**Corner Lily St, Owen St & McGowan Dr  
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*Supporting community members in need*

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**BALANCE THROUGH SYMMETRY**



**BALANCE THROUGH TENSION**

A close-up, low-angle shot of a crowd of people clapping their hands. The scene is dimly lit, with warm, golden light highlighting the hands and forearms. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting a large gathering or event. The overall mood is celebratory and energetic.

*how to design*  
A Promotion that Sells

*An effective promotion is:*



**DISTINCTIVE**



**CONVENIENT**



**CONSISTENT**

# ROUGE



**ROUGE**  
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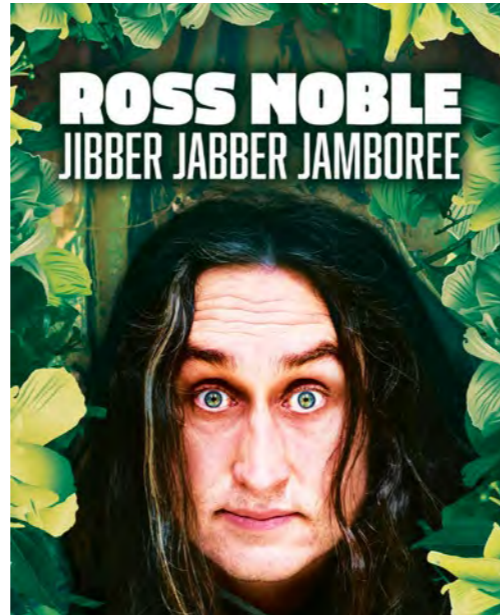
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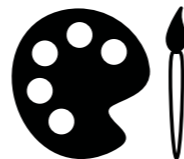
# THE CREATIVE



*the essential design components for*  
Your Key Visual

**AaI**

**FONTS**



**COLOUR**



**IMAGERY**



# The Power of Type

WELCOME

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*You will always  
be mine*

**YOU WILL ALWAYS  
BE MINE**

EVERYTHING LOOKS  
**OFFICIAL**  
WITH TINY LEAVES AROUND IT



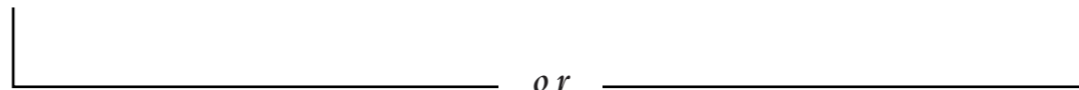
OR IS IT ACTUALLY  
**TYPOGRAPHY**  
THAT EFFECTS HOW WE FEEL



FONTS ARE DEFINED AS EITHER

Serifs

Sans-Serifs



THEY CAN THEN BE FURTHER CATEGORISED BY THEIR STYLE

*Script*

**DISPLAY**

*Handmade*

*the two main*

# Types of Font

## SERIF FONTS

Times New Roman

Crimson Text

Garamond

Playfair

## SANS SERIF FONTS

Montserrat

Helvetica

Poppins

Verdana

SCRIPT FONTS

*Petit Formal*

*Rouge*

*League*

*Sacramento*

DISPLAY FONTS

**Anton**

**Press  
Start 2P**

Poiret One

**Bohemian  
Typewriter**

HANDMADE FONTS

**PERMANENT  
MARKER**

Indie Flower

*Blackstone*

Miss Kindergarten



## OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

TRANSFORMATION	UPPERCASE	vs.	lowercase
WEIGHT	<b>HEAVY &amp; BOLD</b>	vs.	LIGHT & THIN
SHAPE	SHARP	vs.	<b>Rounded</b>
WIDTH	CONDENSED	vs.	<b>EXTENDED</b>
KERNING	tight	vs.	l o o s e



How do you want  
your audience to feel?

[VIEW ADJECTIVES INSPIRATION LIST](#) →

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There is a parallel between what we experience in the physical world and how we interpret type.

**WE SEE**

Round Curves,  
Soft Edges



**WE THINK**

Friendly, Welcoming,  
Calming

**Welcoming  
and Friendly**

**WE SEE**

Harsh Angles,  
Sharp Edges



**WE THINK**

Impactful, Strong,  
Challenging, Rebellious

**IMPACTFUL  
AND STRONG**

**WE SEE**

Angled, Italic,  
Compressed



**WE THINK**

Energetic, Dynamic,  
Engaging, Exciting, Direct

***Dyanmic,  
and Energised***

**WE SEE**

Serif, Detailed,  
hand-crafted, organic



**WE THINK**

Traditional, Luxurious,  
Artisanal, Romantic

***Classic  
and Elegant***

**WE SEE**

Sans Serif, Minimalist  
Geometric



**WE THINK**

Modern, Innovative,  
Professional, Progressive

**Modern and  
Innovative**



# The Impact of Colour

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*colour*  
**PSYCHOLOGY**



*colour*  
**THEORY**



*how to build your*  
**COLOUR PALETTE**



*the basics of*

# Colour Psychology

# BLUE

- » INTELLIGENCE
- » COMMUNICATION
- » TRUST
- » EFFICIENCY
- » SERENITY
- » LOGIC
- » COOLNESS
- » REFLECTION
- » CALM

# GREEN

- » HARMONY
- » BALANCE
- » REFRESHMENT
- » UNIVERSAL LOVE
- » RESTORATION
- » REASSURANCE
- » EQUILIBRIUM
- » PEACE
- » GROWTH

# ORANGE

- » PHYSICAL COMFORT
- » WARMTH
- » SECURITY
- » SENSUALITY
- » PASSION
- » ABUNDANCE
- » FUN
- » WELCOMING
- » CONFIDENT

# BLACK

- » SOPHISTICATION
- » GLAMOUR
- » SECURITY
- » EMOTIONAL SAFETY
- » EFFICIENCY
- » SUBSTANCE
- » POWER
- » ELEGANCE

# PINK

- » PHYSICAL TRANQUILITY
- » NURTURE
- » WARMTH
- » FEMININITY
- » LOVE
- » SEXUALITY
- » SURVIVAL OF THE SPECIES

# YELLOW

- » HAPPINESS
- » OPTIMISM
- » CONFIDENCE
- » SELF-ESTEEM
- » EXTROVERSION
- » EMOTIONAL STRENGTH
- » FRIENDLINESS
- » CREATIVITY

# RED

- » PHYSICAL COURAGE
- » STRENGTH
- » WARMTH
- » ENERGY
- » 'FIGHT OR FLIGHT'
- » STIMULATION
- » MASCULINITY
- » EXCITEMENT
- » URGENCY

# WHITE

- » HYGIENE
- » STERILITY
- » CLARITY
- » PURITY
- » CLEANNESS
- » SIMPLICITY
- » SOPHISTICATION
- » EFFICIENCY.





*the basics of*

# Colour Theory



# THE COLOUR WHEEL

## PRIMARY COLOURS

Red, yellow and blue

## SECONDARY COLOURS

Green orange and violet  
(created by mixing two primary colours)

## TERTIARY COLOURS

Created by mixing a primary with a secondary colour

# How colours work together



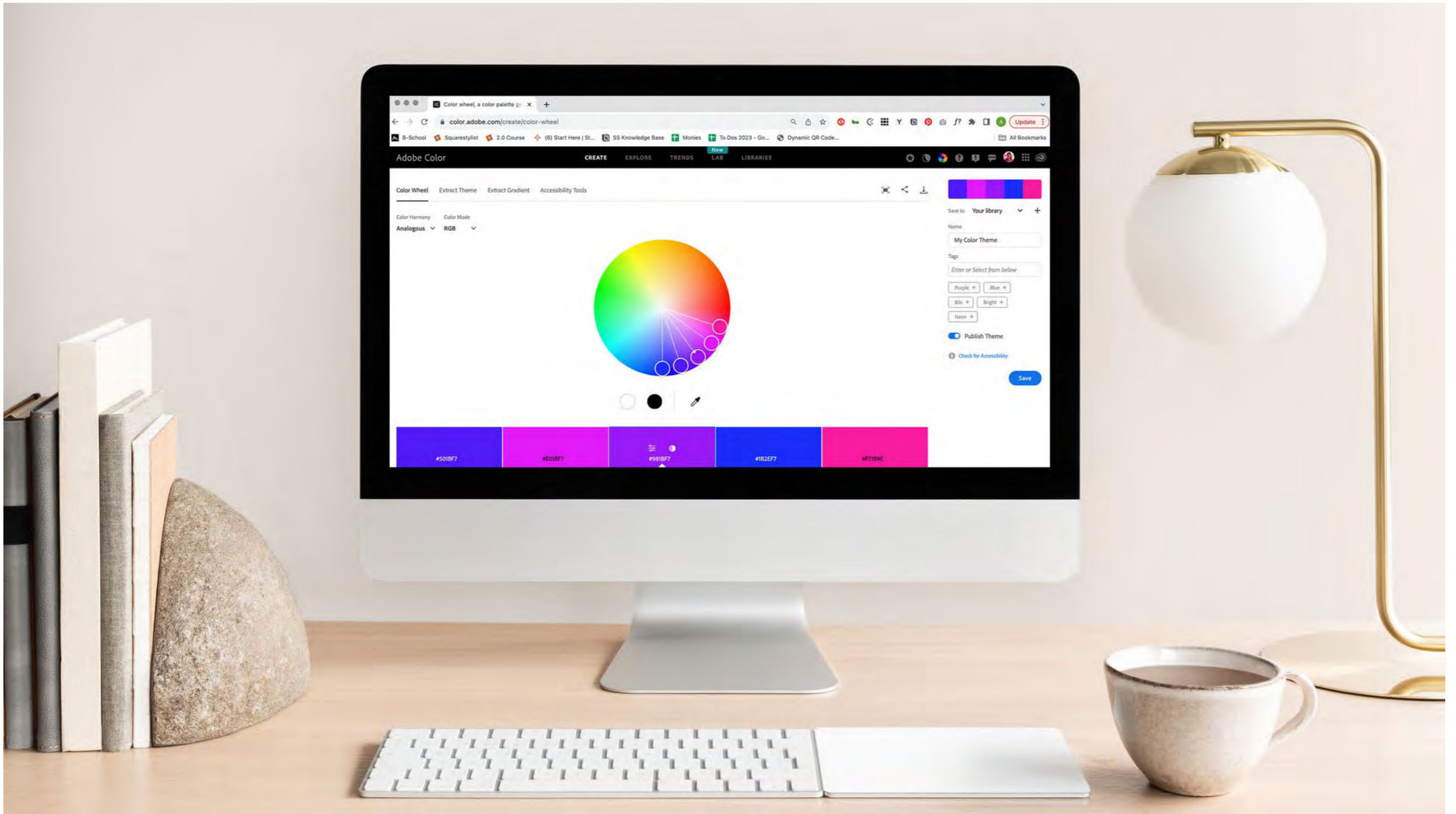
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TRIADIC



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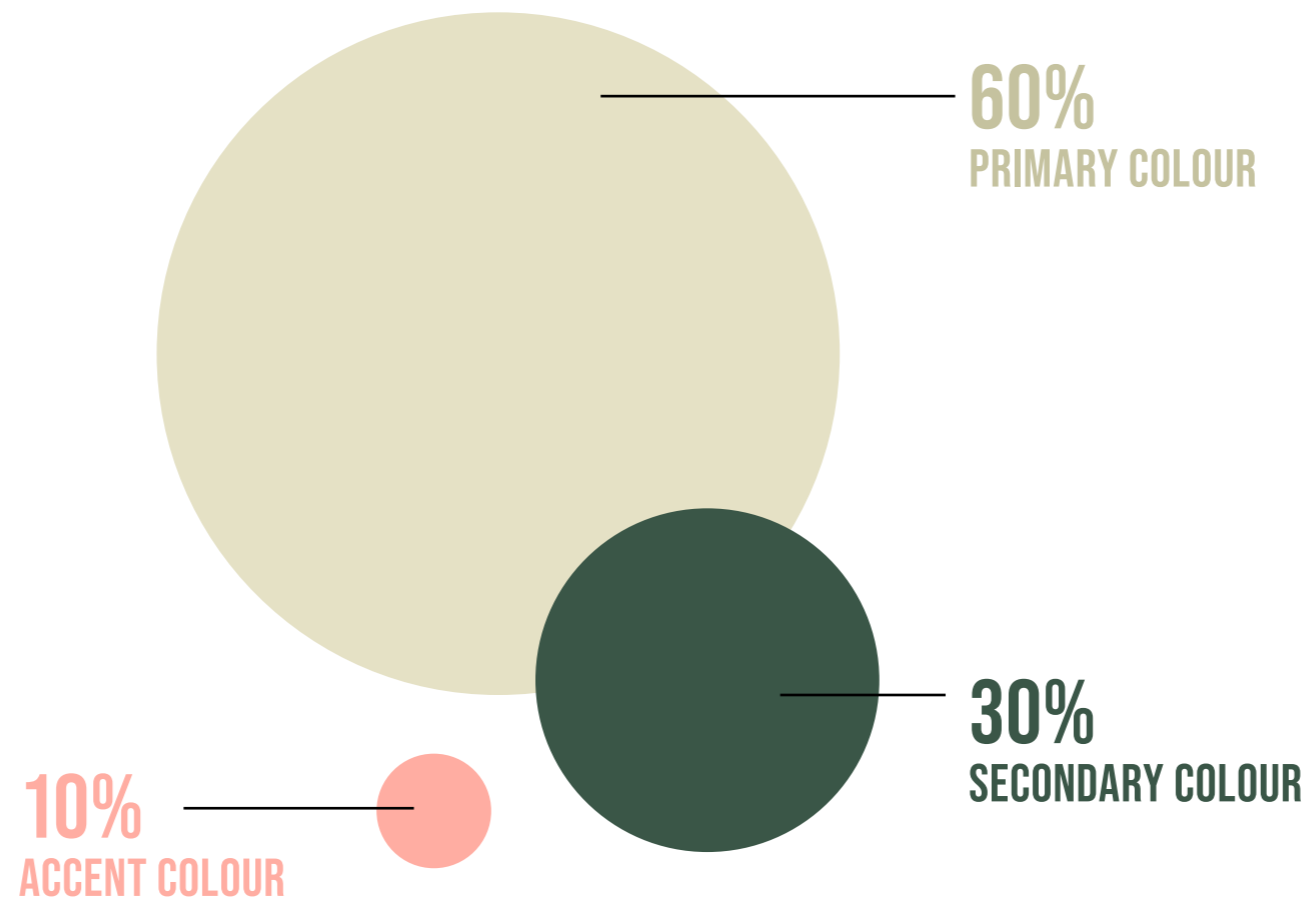
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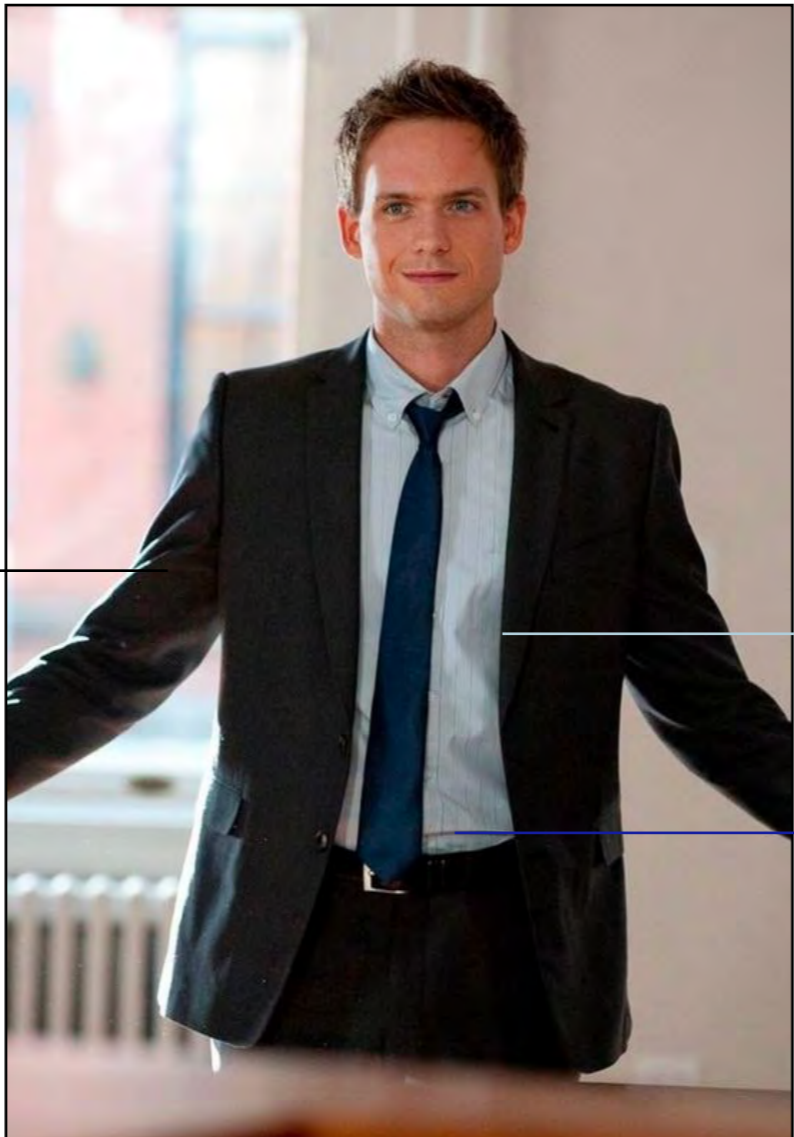
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*how to*  
Build your Palette





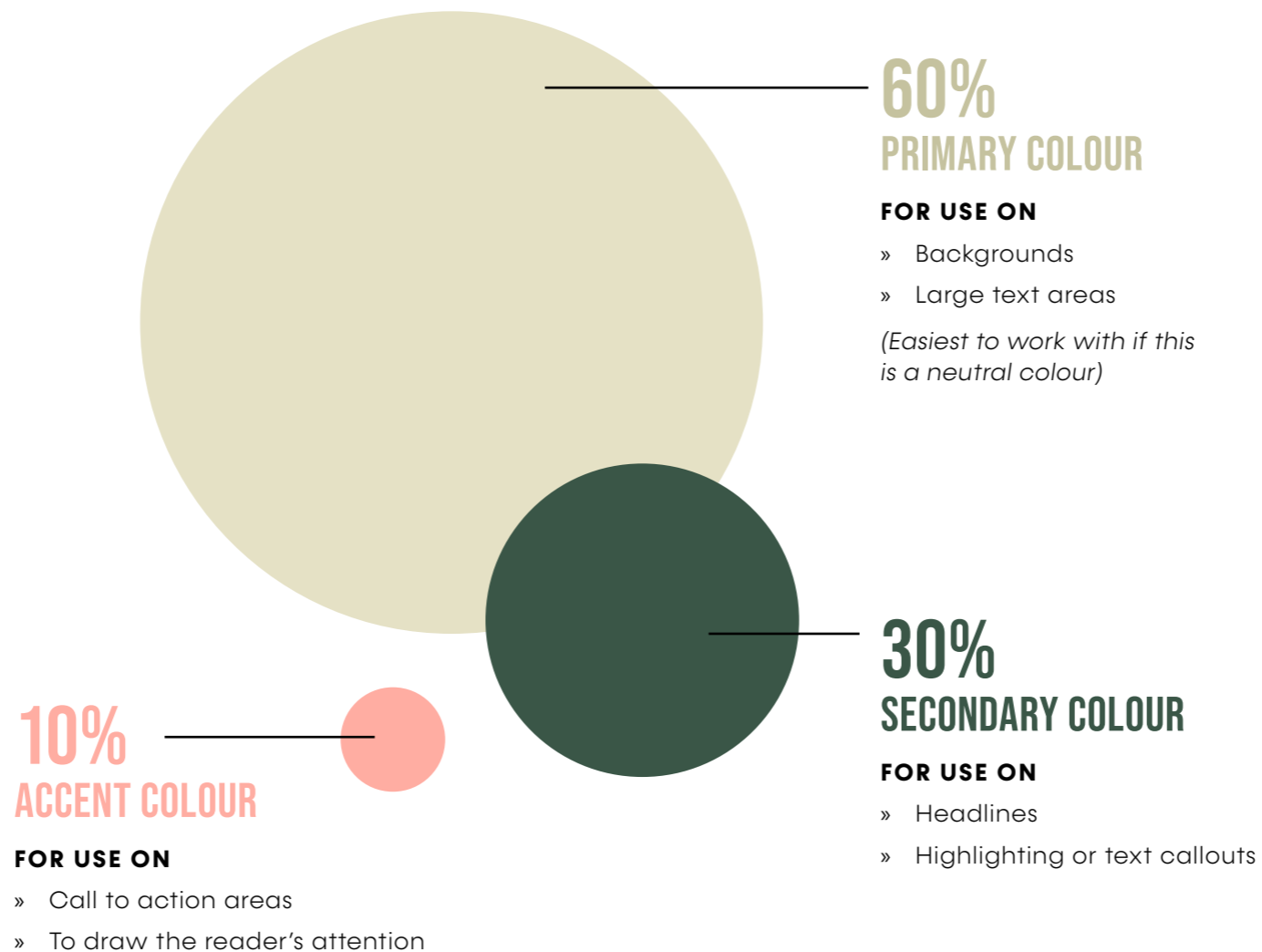
**60%**  
PANTS + JACKET

**30%**  
SHIRT

**10%**  
TIE

how to

# Build your Palette



A high-angle, close-up photograph of a person sitting and using a silver laptop. The person is wearing a light beige blazer over a white shirt and brown trousers. Their hands are positioned on the laptop keyboard. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white fabric. The overall aesthetic is clean, professional, and minimalist.

# Sourcing Imagery

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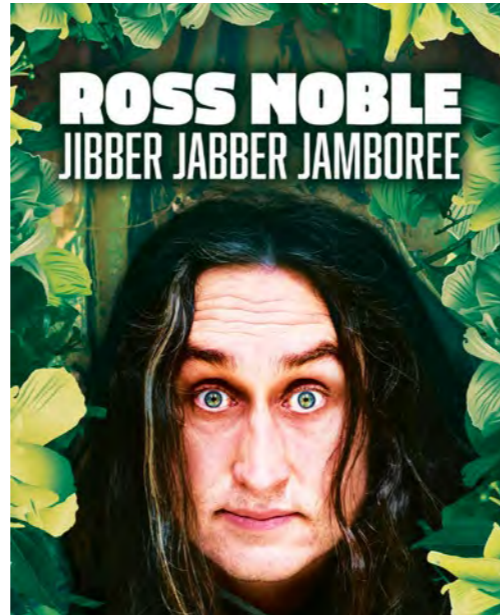
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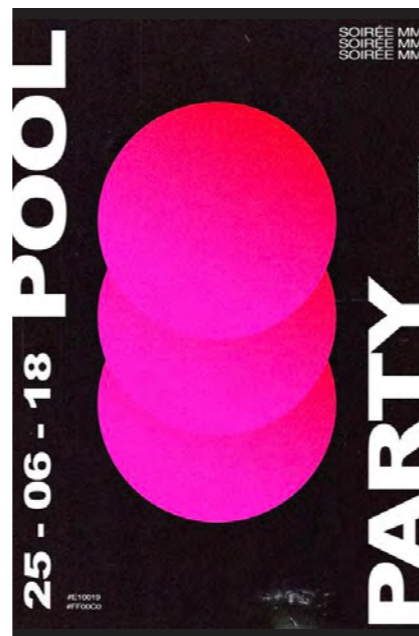
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# SHAPE & COLOUR

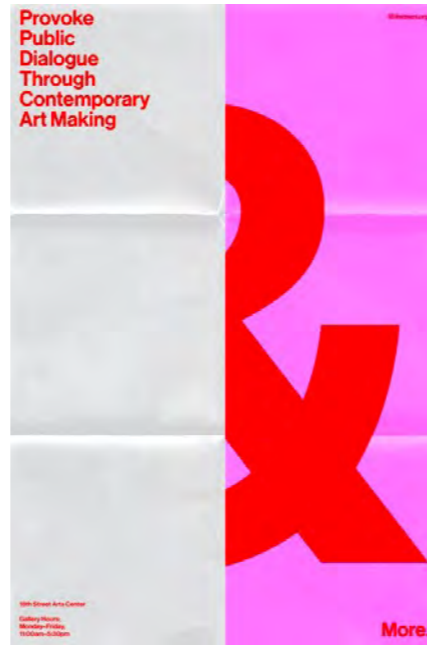


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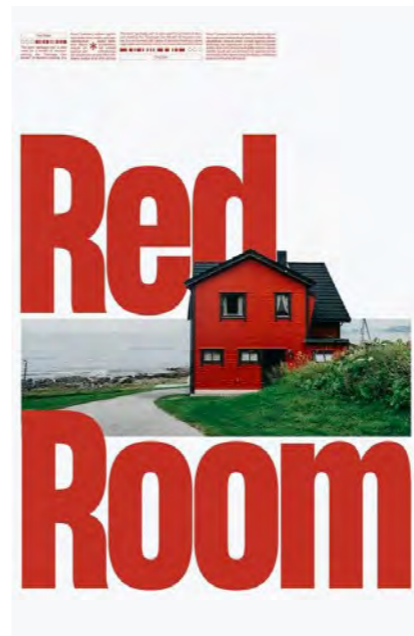


# TYPE



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*part three*

# THE PRACTICE



# THE BRIEF

**NAME:** The Green Awakening

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**TAGLINE:** A Climate Coming-of-Age

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**DATES/TIMES:** Tuesday 20 - Saturday 24 February 2024

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**VENUE:** Dive Bar

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**PRICING:** \$35 Full Price, \$30 Concession, \$25 Children

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**GENRE/THEME:** Theatre/climate change/coming to terms with adulthood

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**VIBE:** Hopeful

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## **DESCRIPTION:**

Follow the transformative journey of Alex, a young protagonist navigating the challenges of growing up while confronting the environmental crisis. 'The Green Awakening' weaves together powerful performances, stunning visuals, and an undercurrent of hope, offering a fresh perspective on the urgent need for change.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This is a mock event created by the Adelaide Fringe team for our training purposes. However, the information included here provides a great guide for the content you should aim to consider / include when creating your promotional material.*



# THE GREEN AWAKENING

A CLIMATE COMING-OF-AGE

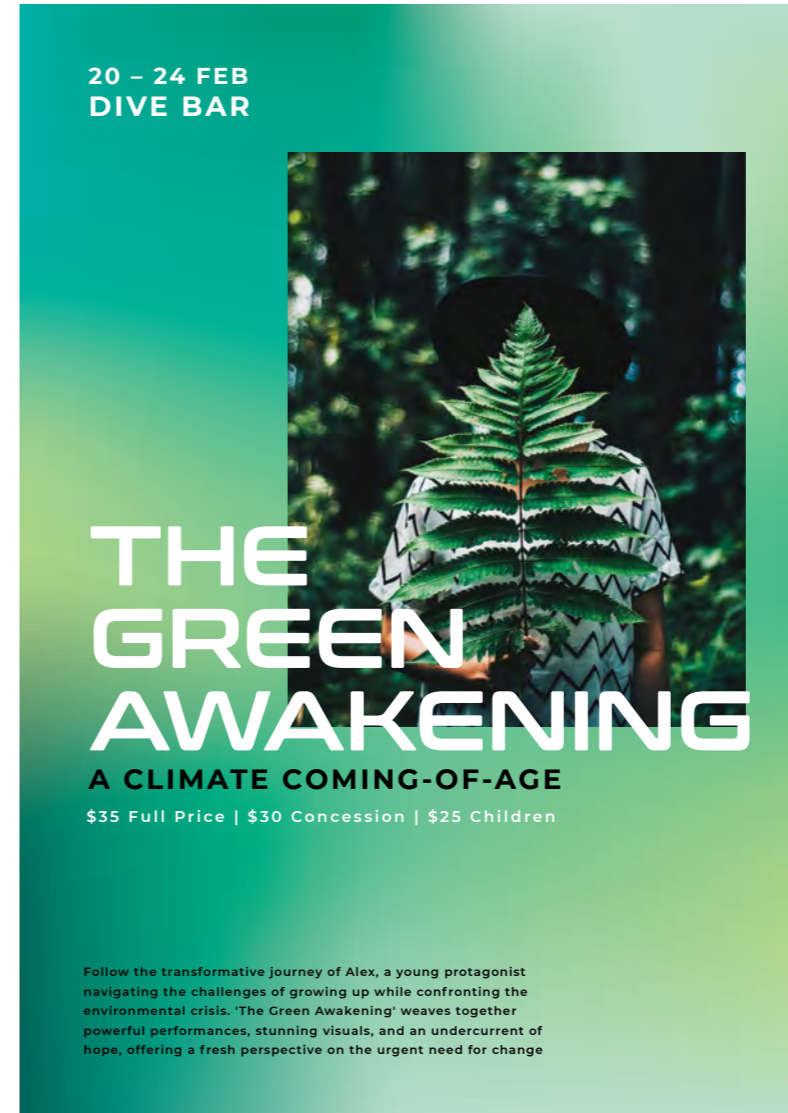
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ALTERNATIVE LAYOUTS FOR THE SAME BRIEF, MAKING USE OF DIFFERENT IMAGE OPTIONS AND FONT STYLES

A photograph of a bed with a brown blanket and white pillows. In the foreground, a silver laptop is open. To its left, a white cup of coffee sits on a white notebook with a gold pen. The scene is dimly lit, creating a cozy atmosphere.

*extra bits*

# RESOURCES

*adjectives*  
**INSPIRATION LIST**

Active	Cutting Edge	Formal	Lush	Secure
Adorable	Dazzling	Frank	Mature	Sensitive
Adventurous	Debonair	Fresh	Modern	Serious
Ambitious	Delicate	Friendly	Natural	Silly
Artistic	Delightful	Fun	Nifty	Sincere
Athletic	Detailed	Functional	Noisy	Smart
Bold	Determined	Funny	No-nonsense	Soothing
Brave	Direct	Futuristic	Nostalgic	Sophisticated
Calm	Dramatic	Generous	Organic	Stable
Caring	Dynamic	Gentle	Plain	Stimulating
Casual	Eager	Glamorous	Playful	Striking
Charming	Earthy	Graceful	Plucky	Strong
Cheerful	Eccentric	Hip	Powerful	Stunning
Chic	Efficient	Hilarious	Professional	Sustainable
Classic	Elegant	Historic	Proud	Swanky
Clever	Enchanting	Impactful	Quaint	Timeless
Collaborative	Endearing	Industrial	Quirky	Tranquil
Comfortable	Energetic	Informal	Radiant	Trustworthy
Confident	Ethereal	Innovative	Rebellious	Unconventional
Conservative	Exciting	Inspiring	Reflective	Urban
Contemporary	Exuberant	Intense	Relaxing	Vintage
Convenient	Fabulous	Intentional	Reliable	Whimsical
Cool	Familiar	Inviting	Retro	Wild
Cooperative	Fashionable	Irreverent	Revolutionary	Witty
Courageous	Festive	Joyous	Romantic	Wistful
Creative	Fierce	Low Maintenance	Rustic	Youthful
Custom	Flirty	Lively	Scholarly	

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**CHEAT SHEET**

### Required Imagery



### Optional Extras



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